

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary mere days before this election demonstrates what appears to be a very clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves, our airways, free of charge, and thus Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies like Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news and balanced news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions drastically show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This example by Sinclair highlights why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.